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**Subject:** RE: Statements on BOR report

Christie,

Thanks, Christie! I know you're swamped. I appreciate you following up on this for me!

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We will distribute a Q&A later this afternoon, Cynthia. We're still developing it but I'll send it as soon as it's ready.

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Yes, I understand that, I'd just like to know what we are saying in the press prior to the meeting on Monday. I'm not planning to speak on the issue, but I don't want to be surprised by information I'm getting from the community.

Thanks!

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Yes .. however all press inquiries are being handled out of HQ ..thanks ng

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An article in USA Today included this statement. EPA officials in a statement said they would "carefully review" the report, and said conditions at the mine made it too difficult or dangerous to drill a measurement well before digging in. Is the last part of that statement information we are providing to the press?

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Hi Cynthia,

See below – what is a good time to check in today. thanks ng

Here is the statement:

EPA requested the Department of Interior report, Technical Evaluation of the Gold King Mine Incident, to provide an independent assessment of factors that contributed to the August 5, 2015 Gold Mine incident. EPA will carefully review the report. This report, in combination with the findings of EPA's internal review of the incident, will help inform EPA's ongoing efforts to work safely and effectively at mine sites as we carry out our mission to protect human health and the environment.

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Hi, Christie.

Could you send me a copy of all the statements you are releasing to the press regarding the BOR report . I am briefing the La Plata County Commissioners on Monday and would like to have our statements in preparation for that.

Thanks!

Cynthia

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